

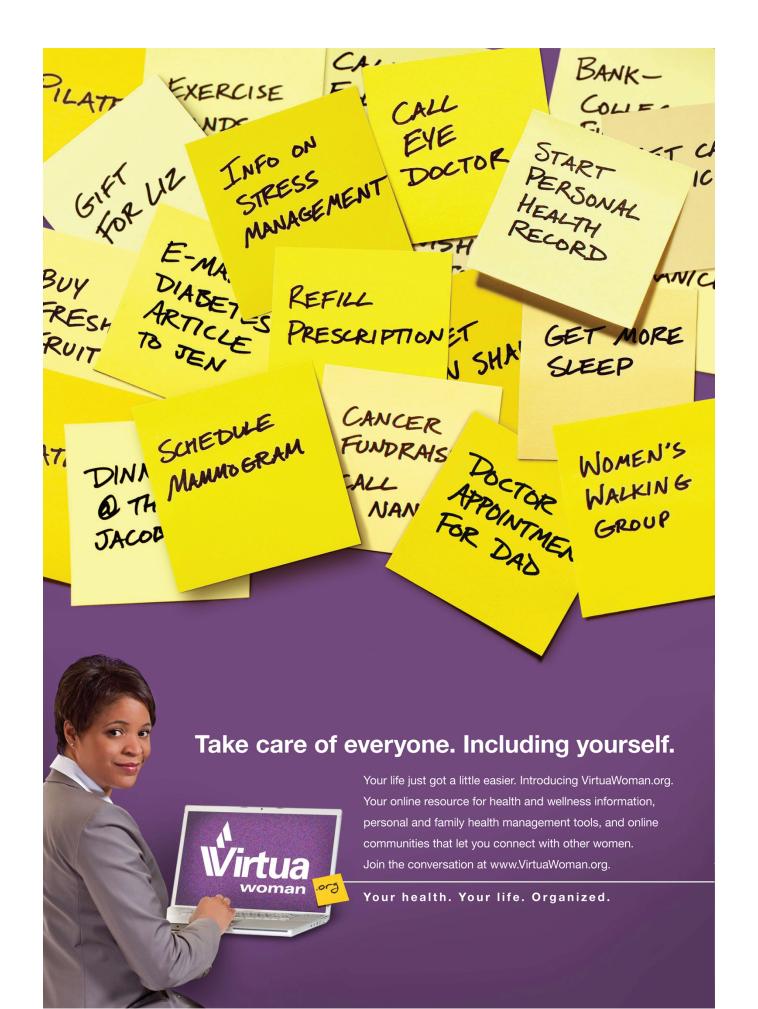
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Gloucester County

to everything... far from it all.

New Jersey







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Gloucester County

On behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Gloucester County, New Jersey.

This publication is an exposition of Gloucester County's resources and its growing reputation as the most desirable area for businesses to be located.

But, as we all know, companies do not operate in a vacuum. Besides a strategic location, a sophisticated transportation network, a well-planned and developed infrastructure, low corporate tax rates and proximity to their capital markets, companies need schools, hospitals, places of worship, and, of course, safe places for their families to relax and enjoy a superior quality of life.

Gloucester County provides these opportunities to businesses, and businesses in turn provide employment and tax ratables to Gloucester County.

This partnership between Gloucester County and its many businesses is one that we are committed to preserving for the benefit of everyone who works and lives in Gloucester County.

In recent years, Gloucester County has been consistently cited as one of the top areas of job growth in the nation. Through strategic planning, we are able to maintain our record of business attraction, retention and job growth.

With its superb location, developable land and an excellent quality of life, Gloucester County is a favorable business site. We truly are close to everything, yet far from it all. In the following pages you will discover why our beautiful county is so unique.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Damminger Director Board of Chosen Freeholders County of Gloucester



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Gloucester County State a Glance



Established: 1686

Land area: 329 square miles

Population: 288,288

Growth since 2000 - Gloucester County:

13.4%

Growth since 2000 - New Jersey:

3.5%

Municipalities: 24

Housing Units: 109,796

income (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)

Per capita income: \$30,389

Median household income: \$70,487

Land Use (in acres)

Developed land: 55,100

Water: 9,400

Preserved farmland: 14,031 Preserved open space: 3,201

Wetlands: 12,600 Agriculture: 55,600 Vacant land: 65,300

Utilities

Atlantic City Electric – Electricity
Public Service Electric & Gas
(PSE&G) – Natural gas/electricity
South Jersey Gas – Natural gas
Gloucester County Utilities Authority
– Regional wastewater collection
& treatment system
Gloucester County Improvement
Authority – Solid waste disposal
New Jersey American Water
– Water & wastewater services
Aqua New Jersey – Water

Distance to Major Cities

City	Miles
Philadelphia, Pa	7
Wilmington, Del	18
Trenton	40
Atlantic City	47
Baltimore, Md	74
New York City, N.Y	93
Washington, D.C	115

Labor Force

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Civilian labor force163,216
Educational services;
health care & social assistance 34,848
Retail trade
Professional, scientific &
management; administrative
& waste management services 13,868
Manufacturing
Finance & insurance;
real estate/rental/leasing12,110
Arts, entertainment & recreation;
accommodation & food services10,744
Transportation & warehousing;
utilities
Construction 8,554
Public administration 8,491
Wholesale trade 6,525
Other services 5,461
Information2,773
Agriculture, forestry,
fishing & hunting; mining 1,108



- More than 600 food processing and manufacturing companies are located within a 50-mile radius of Gloucester County.
- is halfway between New York City, N.Y. and Washington, D.C.
- is within reach of 40 percent of the U.S. population within one day.
- is within one hour of nearly 100 accredited colleges and universities.
- is one of the fastest-growing counties in New Jersey and has one of the fastest-growing municipalities on the East Coast, Woolwich Township.
- has achieved an Aa2 Moody rating, reflecting the county's substantial tax base, strong financial management, healthy reserves and affordable debt burden.
- is home to one of the largest industrial parks on the eastern seaboard.
- · has a rich colonial heritage and an excellent, affordable quality of life.





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Virtua Family Medicine

Virtua Fox Chase Radiation Oncology

Virtua in Motion Physical Therapy

and Rehabilitation

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Otolaryngology

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Pediatric Urology

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Radiology

Rheumatology



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Gloucester County

With a pristine landscape, fertile farmland and proximity to the Delaware River, Gloucester County is rural in nature, yet leading-edge in development.

An increasing number of businesses and people are choosing Gloucester County, a countryside community with big-city benefits.

That is the advantage of being close to everything...
far from it all.

More and more people and businesses are choosing this picturesque county in the Delaware Valley for various reasons: a rich colonial heritage; abundant farmland and open spaces; a strong educational system; a large inventory of properties for development and redevelopment; a well-trained work force; and a supportive business environment - in other words, the right mix of opportunity and quality of life.

Moreover, the cost of living in Gloucester County is lower than in most other major U.S. metro areas, and the county boasts one of the lowest property tax rates in New Jersey.

Locating in Gloucester County comes with many other key advantages.

For example, the county provides access to 40 percent of the U.S population within a day's drive.

Situated midway between New York City, N.Y., and Washington, D.C., and seven miles outside Philadelphia, Pa., Gloucester County offers companies the ability to decrease their logistics cost and increase their distribution market. The county has ease of access to many major highways, several airports, national, regional and local railways, and multiple ports, including

the much-anticipated deepwater Port of Paulsboro, which is within the county and set to open in 2012.

Gloucester County is also known for being business-friendly, which is why the county is home to 23 industrial parks, covering 6,300 acres. With ample development and redevelopment opportunities and an aggressively proactive Department of Economic Development and Improvement Authority, public-private partnerships thrive in Gloucester County.

That effort is helping to reap remarkable growth. Investment in everything from new products, to new businesses, to new developments within the county is progressing at a steady pace, despite the resistant national economy. In fact, three separate projects

under way in the county have construction valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars!

In addition, employers will find a skilled and educated work force here. Gloucester County is within one hour of nearly 100 accredited colleges and universities and has two acclaimed higher-learning institutions within its borders, one of which is opening the first new medical school in New Jersey in 30 years.

The county's work force is continuously nurtured through various programs. such as the Gloucester County One-Stop Career Center, providing services to both job seekers and businesses; and the Gloucester County Workforce Investment Board, whose function is to develop a work force investment system that

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ensures the local economy has a skilled labor pool that meets the needs of the business community.

These services are more important than ever: From 2006 to 2016, Gloucester County's labor force is projected to grow by 20,200 workers, or 13.1 percent - and there will be jobs to fill. When it comes to development and infrastructure, the county goes above and beyond to get the job done, the right way.

For example, the county has taken a leadership role in guiding growth in its communities. The county collaborates with its municipalities on their redevelopment and master plans, assuring that the right growth is planned for the right areas. The county has paid particular attention to zoning policies and enforcement to make sure that development occurs in a way that is consistent with the county's master plan for maintaining a desirable quality of life.

Also, Gloucester County has taken the lead in multiple infrastructure projects that directly impact growth. Among them are improvements to US Route 322, a \$26 million project of which the county assumed \$10 million to expedite construction, eliminating a critical congestion problem. Another significant project, spearheaded by the Gloucester County Utilities Authority, is a planned wastewater treatment facility that will consolidate the operations of 12 such plants throughout Gloucester and neighboring Salem Counties, ensuring improved economic

opportunity and a safe living environment.

One indication of a community's well-being is population growth. Gloucester County grew an estimated 13.4 percent – or by more than 34,000 people – between

2000 and 2009. Statewide, the rate was 3.5 percent. And with an astounding 214 percent growth in population, Gloucester County's Woolwich Township

was the



In spite of the growth, Gloucester County has

remained true to its roots in agriculture, which continues to reign as a leading industry. About 23 percent of the acreage in the county is actively cultivated, the largest active land use percentagewise, according to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Another 34 percent of the county remains wooded.

Many other industries are also flourishing in the county, distinguished by its diversified industry sectors. Food processing, agriculture, chemical refining and processing, health care, logistics and other industries are well-established here, offering a broad variety of co-location and job opportunities.

Among the leading and expanding industries in the county is logistics,

with numerous facilities offering warehousing, distribution and manufacturing facilities, thanks to the easy access to road, rail, water and air transportation.

An important addition to this

inventory is the Port of Paulsboro, the first new marine terminal facility on the Delaware River in more than 50 years. This \$274 million, 190-acre project will accommodate a range of export, import and domestic products and boast one-day delivery to 100 million consumers.

Chemical refining and processing continue to be big business in the

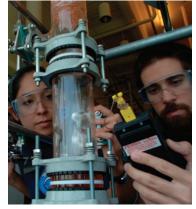
county, as well as food processing and distribution. In fact, Gloucester County is a hub for food manufacturing: 600 different food manufacturing companies are within a 50-mile radius.

Many food manufacturers in the county are growing in terms of expanding product lines and adding clients, leading to tremendous increases in sales and millions of dollars in capital investments to their infrastructure and work force.

Another significant growth area is health care. In the last several years, the infrastructure of the health care sector in the county has tripled. Since 2008 alone, at least \$160 million in improvements and new facilities have been completed by the health care providers within the county.

The diversity does not end there. The county is attracting a number of high-tech industries, as well as clean energy, solar and green industries.

Among the renewable energy projects in the works are a 5-megawatt solar farm on a 106-acre redevelopment site in West Deptford; a 2-megawatt solar farm in Monroe Township; a



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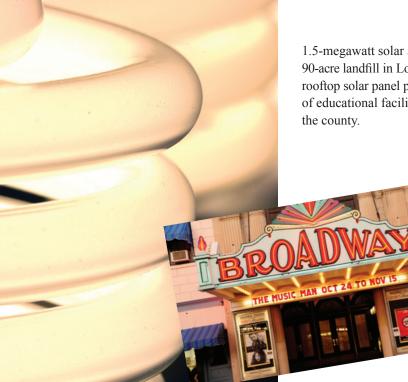


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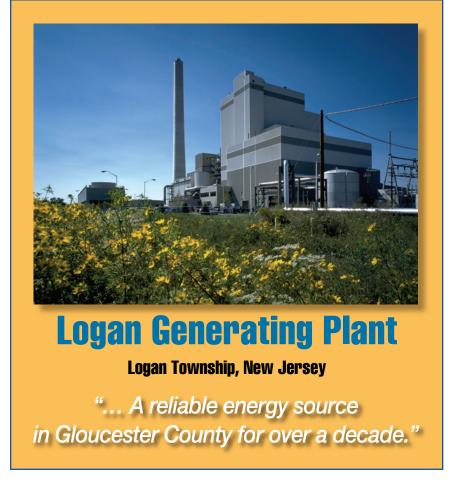
1.5-megawatt solar array on a capped 90-acre landfill in Logan Township; and rooftop solar panel projects at a number of educational facilities throughout

In addition, a Clean Energy Program has been established through the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, helping organizations to cut energy consumption and costs by evaluating their use and recommending changes.

In fact, the State of New Jersey offers various programs to incentivize clean energy and consolidation of energy use. To date, over 85 businesses in Gloucester County are taking advantage of such programs, cutting their energy use by at least 15 percent a year - meaning savings, energyefficiency, and a reduced carbon footprint.

Excellent quality of life Exemplary work force Exceptional business environment

Atlantic City Electric



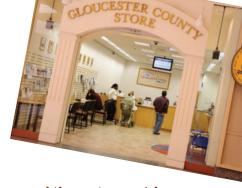
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Gloucester County

Economic Development

Industry-friendly, land-rich, superbly located—Gloucester County is the place for business



in southern New Jersey and the customer-rich Philadelphia/New York/Washington D.C. metro markets.

any development projects are under way in the county, where businesses and developers benefit from supportive local economic development agencies and numerous incentives.

Gloucester County enjoys an Aa2 Moody rating, reflecting its substantial tax base, healthy reserves and affordable debt burden. The county also benefits from strong financial management and routinely prepares five-year projections to help prevent spikes in property taxes. In 2011, the county budget included a one-cent cut in the county's tax rate; this was the sixth tax rate cut in six budget years.

The Gloucester County Department of Economic Development, or GCDED, provides business support and coordinates county programs and initiatives. GCDED serves as a gatekeeper for organizations seeking to access state and local programs for business financing, work force training, technical assistance and information about available business locations throughout the county. Additionally, the department guides business leaders toward the many programs and state-level business incentives offered by the New Jersey **Economic Development Authority** (NJEDA) and other government agencies. Through the NJEDA there are a variety of loan and loan guarantee programs available, as well as specialized financing programs for new and developing high-technology businesses, tax credits, and tax-exempt bond financing for those in the manufacturing arena. Their programs may be reviewed in detail at http://www.njeda.com.



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Gloucester County Brownfields Redevelopment Program

Gloucester County has taken a proactive approach to reinventing properties throughout the county with its **Brownfields Redevelopment Program**.

The county's Department of Economic Development works with municipalities to identify properties prime for redevelopment and maintains an active list of available properties in its comprehensive **Brownfields Inventory Program**. In 2010, the county launched an online database of the properties as a resource for the many developers seeking brownfield opportunities. The database can be viewed via the

economic development web portal. The website also includes an extensive menu of programs, services and valuable information for business, industry and entrepreneurs.

The county also is working with several municipalities to provide legal and technical assistance with their redevelopment areas, including projects in Mantua Township, National Park, East Greenwich, Woolwich, Westville, Clayton and Franklin Township.

With several major projects
under way and many others ready
for development, the county has
kept its momentum
despite a challenging
global economy.

Groundbreaking projects under way include the \$274 million, 190-acre

Port of Paulsboro. The first new marine terminal facility on the Delaware River in more than 50 years, the port is a project of the South Jersey Port Corp., with assistance from the Gloucester

County Improvement Authority and state and federal officials.

Expected to be operational in late 2012, the port will provide 1,500 linear feet of deepwater berths. The port is located across the river from Philadelphia International Airport, with access via the 40-foot Delaware River channel, a port access road and bridge near Interstate 295, and Class A rail service.

At a total cost of \$174 million, Phase I of the project includes two 40-foot ship berths, 100,000 square feet of warehouse space, and an access road and bridge, all scheduled for completion in 2012.

Phase II, to be finished in 2017 and estimated at \$100 million, will add another 40-foot berth, a 20-foot barge berth and more warehouse space.

The Port of Paulsboro will accommodate a range of export, import and domestic products and boasts one-day delivery to 100 million consumers. The site is uniquely positioned for off shore wind turbine manufacturing, assembly, and logistic activities for utility-scale off shore wind farms.





economic impact of tens of millions of dollars once fully operational.

Also moving forward is Rowan Boulevard, a \$300 million redevelopment project linking Rowan University with Glassboro's downtown retail district via a new, 26-acre corridor.

The project is the result of a partnership between the Borough of Glassboro, Rowan and developer Sora Holdings, and is creating a "quintessential college town," promoting smart growth and mixed-use buildings.

When complete, Rowan Boulevard will include a new hotel and conference center, retail stores, restaurants and office and residential space. Among the completed components are an 886-bed apartment complex for Rowan University students and a Barnes & Noble collegiate superstore.

The project is part of a master plan by Glassboro to revitalize its downtown. Plans also include the designation of West High Street as a retail and professional services area and East High Street as an arts and entertainment district. The entire 81-acre revitalization project is expected to draw more than 125 new retail stores, infusing the local economy with more than \$225 million annually.

Another success story is the 1,100-acre **RiverWinds** development in West Deptford, much of which is completed. The centerpiece of the development is the 111,000-square-foot RiverWinds Community Center, a state-of-the-art, riverfront facility built on a former

brownfield site and owned and operated by the township of West Deptford. Other components include upscale condominiums, an age-restricted apartment complex, the RiverWinds Golf and Tennis Club, restaurants, and planned shopping, high-rise office buildings and a marina.

To help solve wastewater management issues in the area, the Gloucester County **Utilities Authority** is spearheading a project to ensure a safe living environ-

Rowan Boulevard

ment and improved economic opportunity for the region's residents.

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This project would replace the multiple facilities with one centralized, modern, efficient plant at the existing DuPont Chambers Works industrial wastewater treatment plant, located on the Delaware River in Carney's Point, Salem County. Project benefits include economic development, job creation, natural resource protection, and surface and groundwater water quality improvements in both counties.

Other projects in the works include redevelopment plans in Mantua Township for the former Struthers Dunn Inc. (SDI) property, a 13-acre brownfield site abandoned in 1994. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is conducting remedial investigations at the township-owned site, with assistance from the Mantua **Township Economic Development** Office. Demolition of the contaminated buildings and extensive cleanup efforts are currently under way.

Ground was broken in mid-2011 on another brownfield redevelopment project in Mantua, located adjacent to the SDI site. Total Turf Experience (TTE) will be a 42,000-square-foot turf facility providing indoor sports and wellness management. Plans include a 30,000-square-foot operations building and indoor and outdoor fields.

The Route 40 Food Center, a redevelopment project planned by Franklin Township and Stanker and Galetto of Vineland, would revitalize a 50-acre, abandoned poultry plant property owned by the township and formerly known as Meredith Farms.

Zoned for light manufacturing and equipped with a sewer capacity of 350,000 gallons per day, the property is especially well-suited for the food processing industry.

Gloucester County Commercial Real Estate

Gloucester County has a wealth of commercial real estate choices to house a broad spectrum of business operations, whether the need is for distribution, manufacturing, warehousing, office, industrial or research and development space.

The location of these properties in the county assures companies of unbeatable highway and rail access and proximity to ports and airports - all crucial to commerce in today's global marketplace.

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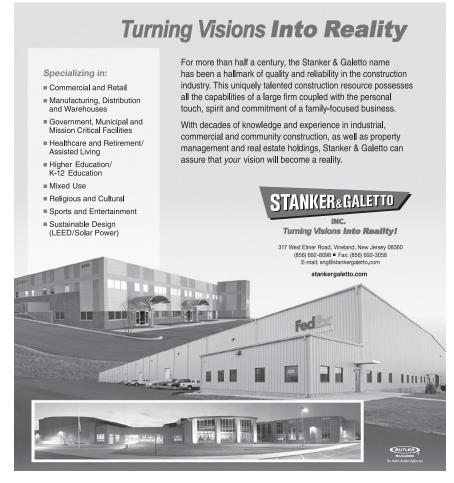
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Monroe Business Park *Williamstown*

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Route 55 Industrial Center *Glassboro*

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Southgate Industrial Center *East Greenwich Township*

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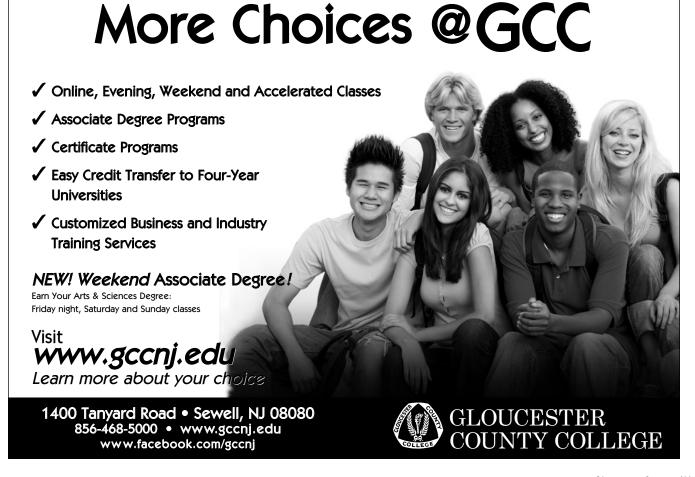
With acclaimed and growing vocational, adult and higher-learning institutions, Gloucester County has an established educational infrastructure in tune with local and regional business, professional and community needs.

Golden County College (GCC), which marked its 44th year of service in 2011, is a publicly supported, coeducational two-year institution, fully accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Total enrollment for the fall 2010 semester was a record high of 6,609 students. In addition, GCC's Division of Continuing Education provides various educational, career training and personal enrichment courses as well as outreach programs to community residents.

GCC offers more than 75 academic programs in a full spectrum of career fields.

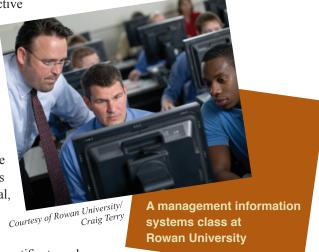




For example, the A.S. Degree in Food Science provides students with the foundational study of physical, microbiological and chemical sciences, as well as an understanding of the biochemical makeup of food. Students also learn the fundamentals of food processing and preservation according to the specifications and regulations of industry and government.

career and transfer opportunities. With an extensive record of articulation agreements with four-year colleges and universities, graduates are able to transfer seamlessly into baccalaureate and master's degree programs. Students also have the option to complete advanced degrees without leaving the GCC campus through a partnership agreement with Fairleigh Dickinson University.

A number of selective admission programs related to the allied-health field, including nursing, diagnostic medical sonography and nuclear medicine technology are available at GCC. The college also maintains a well-rounded cultural, artistic and sports calendar of events.



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Gloucester County One Stop 215 Crown Point Road Thorofare, NJ 08086 Phone: 856-384-3700 or 856-251-6800 Located on 250 acres in Deptford, GCC's main campus also houses the new Continuing Education Center that provides customized training and safety instruction to the business community.

Located in Glassboro, **Rowan University** is a mid-sized public institution with an enrollment of approximately 11,400 students between its colleges of business, communication, education, engineering, fine and performing arts, liberal arts and sciences, graduate and continuing education, and its medicine program, which is under development.

Rowan offers 80 undergraduate majors, including three accelerated bachelor's to master's programs; 55 majors leading to a master's degree; seven professional certification programs; 26 graduate certification of graduate study programs; six teacher certification programs; and a doctoral program in educational leadership. Courses are also offered at Rowan's Camden campus, at community colleges and online.

Rowan is in the midst of sizable improvements, including partnering in a large mixed-used redevelopment project by the Borough of Glassboro and the formation of a medical school in partnership with Cooper Hospital Systems in Camden, New Jersey.

The Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, expected to enroll its first class of 40 to 50 medical school students in 2012, will be the first four-year allopathic medical school in South Jersey and the first new medical school in the state in more than 30 years. Once fully developed, the program will support more than 200 students. The 200,000-square-foot, six-story medical school in Camden carries a total project cost of more than \$100 million.

U.S. News & World Report has placed Rowan third among public institutions and 22nd among all institutions in the Northern Region, and 12th among Colleges of Engineering nationwide that offer bachelor's and master's degrees.



Courtesy of Rowan University/Craig Terry

Rowan has also been featured in "America's 100 Best College Buys" and Princeton Review's "Best Northeastern Colleges" and "Best 366 Colleges" and has garnered numerous awards for green initiatives.

The Gloucester County Institute of Technology (GCIT) is a full-time public school district serving the vocational and educational needs of high school and adult students.

Vocational programs include schools of cosmetology, culinary arts, construction technology, health science careers, performing arts in dance, performing arts in drama, and transportation technology. Each program has an advisory board composed of professionals in the career area to keep the education in step with advancing technologies.

GCIT also offers Career Academies, which are organized as schools within schools with the intent to integrate a college preparatory program around a career theme. GCIT offers three such programs: the Academy of Finance and Management; the Academy of Information Technology and Digital Communications; and the Academy of Allied Health and Medical Science.

Gloucester County Institute of Technology also offers Adult Continuing Education Programs to help adults and non-traditional students obtain a diploma and access post-secondary educational and vocational opportunities.

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Gloucester County Skilled Labor.

Gloucester County offers a number of resources to help elevate the capabilities of the county work force and its businesses, and to match prospective employees with employers.

he Gloucester County One-Stop Career Center is a community-based, multi-agency network delivering a spectrum of services to job seekers and to businesses.

The center offers job seekers access to training, information and employment opportunities. Among the services provided are employment counseling, job readiness preparation, information and referrals for support services, Self-Employment Assistance (SEA), Vocational Rehabilitation Services, access to computers that feature Workforce New Jersey's One-Stop website, a portal to a job bank, a resume bank, directories of training and services, and more.

For businesses, the center is a source for skilled workers, recruitment and training services. The **Business** Resource Center at the Gloucester County One-Stop Career Center offers assistance in finding qualified workers; the use of the center's computers, fax and copiers to facilitate interviews or recruitment; information about customized training and literacy grants; a chance to meet with representatives from state and local economic development agencies to learn about growing a business in New Jersey; information on the Apprenticeship Incentive Program; an opportunity to join the Regional Employer Council; an Employer Human Resources Support Services Program; access to regional labor market data, demographics and other valuable information; assessments of safety and health programs; and more.

The Gloucester County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is responsible for overseeing the delivery of employment and educational services to employers and job seekers through the Gloucester County One-Stop Career Center.

The WIB's goal is to develop a work force investment system that ensures that the Gloucester County economy has a skilled labor pool that meets the existing and emerging work force needs of the business community. The mission of the WIB is to provide quality educational and technical training to those in need, to help businesses train their employees to become more productive, and to implement programs that make the WIB's services accessible to county residents.

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Gloucester County

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Many of the region's major highways crisscross the county.

Running parallel to the region's vital waterway — the Delaware River — are **Interstate 295**, a busy 74-mile stretch between Trenton, N.J., and Wilmington, Del., and the New Jersey Turnpike. The 148-mile turnpike, operated by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, is one of the five busiest toll roads in the country, recording a volume of nearly 245 million vehicles in 2008, adding up to more than 6 billion vehicle miles.

Other important thoroughfares in the county include Route 42 and the Atlantic City Expressway — which traverse east-west — as well as **U.S.** routes 130 and 322 and state routes 45, 47, 77, 44, 41 and 55.

Route 322 has undergone significant improvements since 2008 under the



authority of the Gloucester County Freeholders. The county took on the project to remedy traffic conditions that had been forcing motorists through the narrow downtown of Mullica Hill and that drove local residents to use back roads. The project includes a new bypass, road widening, roadway realignment and other improvements.

Railroads are another important facet in the county's transportation network. Freight transportation is provided along the more than 60 miles of rail within Gloucester County, which are served by CSX, Norfolk Southern, Conrail, SMS and a short line railway owned by neighboring Salem County. The 18-mile track, which runs between

Swedesboro and the Port of Salem, is undergoing extensive rehabilitation that will enable the line to accommodate bigger and heavier rail cars, which in turn will promote local economic development.

Gloucester County also offers ease of transportation via water. The Delaware River has long-served the county and surrounding communities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with several port facilities along its shores, including the South Jersey Port Corp., the Salem Port Authority, the Delaware River Port Authority and the Port of Wilmington, Del.

Expected to open in late 2012, the Port of Paulsboro in Gloucester



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The Delaware River has long served the county.

Joseph Wilson

County will be the first new marine terminal facility on the Delaware River in more than 50 years. The 190-acre, general cargo terminal project by the South Jersey Port Corp. will provide 1,500 linear feet of deepwater berths and includes three 40-foot-deep berths, a 20-foot-deep barge berth, warehouse space and an access overpass. The estimated \$274 million project is slated for completion in 2017 and will accommodate a wide range of import, export and domestic commodities.

The county is also just 15 minutes away from the **Philadelphia International Airport**, where 28 airlines offer nearly 600 daily departures to 120 cities, including 36 international destinations. The airport has undergone more than \$1 billion in capital improvements since 2000, including a \$330 million terminal expansion slated for completion in 2012.

The Atlantic City International Airport provides nonstop flights to several domestic destinations and connections to more than 50 worldwide destinations. Spirit Airlines and AirTran Airways offer service at the airport, which is owned and operated by the South Jersey Transportation Authority.

Air options don't end there. Newark Liberty International Airport is also nearby, and Cross Keys Airport is a small commuter airport facility in Williamstown, Gloucester County.

Public transit is also readily accessible in the county. **NJ TRANSIT**, New Jersey's public transportation corporation, is the nation's third-largest provider of bus, rail and light rail transit, linking major points in New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia and serving 260 million passengers annually.

NJ TRANSIT connects to Philadelphia via **PATCO**, the Port Authority Transit Corp., a light rail service between Center City Philadelphia and Lindenwold, N.J.

PATCO and the Delaware River and Port Authority are pursuing a new passenger rail line between Glassboro and Camden in southern New Jersey that could carry an estimated 18,000 riders daily by 2030. The proposed 18-mile corridor, which is along an existing railroad right-of-way used by Conrail for freight service, would include about 14 new stations, mostly within Gloucester County.



Gloucester County Utilities

Gloucester County's utility providers deliver quality, reliable service to business, industry and residents, with a focus on efficiency, new technology and affordability.

Atlantic City Electric, a regulated electric utility and subsidiary of Pepco Holdings Inc., provides transmission and distribution services to more than 89,000 customers throughout Gloucester County.

Public Service Electric and Gas, or **PSE&G**, is one of the largest combined electric and gas companies in the United States and is New Jersey's oldest and largest publicly owned utility.

PSE&G serves 1.7 million gas customers and 2.1 million electric customers in more than 300 urban. suburban and rural communities, including New Jersey's six largest cities. About 50,000 PSE&G customers are in Gloucester County.

PSE&G is committed to delivering safe, reliable, affordable and "green" energy to its customers. It provides appliance repair services, energy conservation programs and is investing in solar energy through its Solar 4 All and Solar Loan programs.

South Jersey Gas (SJG) provides natural gas service to customers in 112 municipalities, spanning 2,500 square miles. The company, which is the principal subsidiary of South Jersey Industries, serves more than 344,000 customers in Atlantic.



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Gloucester County's water needs are primarily served through municipal departments and authorities, which provide water to their businesses and residents.

Portions of the county are served by New Jersey American Water, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Water. The utility serves customers in Harrison, Logan, and parts of East Greenwich and Woolwich, and sells bulk water to Deptford, East Greenwich, Elk, Glassboro, Mantua, National Park, Pitman, West Deptford, Woodbury and Woodbury Heights.

Employer	Location	Employees
Underwood-Memorial Hospital	Woodbury	1,825
Rowan University	Glassboro	1,300
Kennedy Health System	Turnersville	1,200
Missa Bay LLC	Swedesboro	950
U.S. Foodservice	Bridgeport	800
ExxonMobil	Paulsboro	750
Godwin Pumps	Bridgeport	640
Delaware Valley Wholesale Florist	Sewell	500
drugstore.com	Swedesboro	450
Heritage Dairy Stores	Thorofare	450
Johnson Matthey	West Deptford	437
Paulsboro Refining, LLC	Paulsboro	430
DGI	Swedesboro	400
LaBrea Bakery	Logan Township	400

Gloucester County Community Profiles

Living in Gloucester County means having so many community amenities so close to home.

mong them is the Gloucester County Parks System, which oversees four diverse parks. Parks include the more than 1,000-acre Scotland Run Park, offering boating, fishing, a nature center and more; Red Bank Battlefield Park, a riverside facility that includes the remains of a fort that was the site of a Revolutionary War battle and a historic home that is open for tours; Greenwich Lake Park, the centerpiece of which is a 40-acre park routinely stocked with fish; and the family-friendly James G. Atkinson Memorial Park, equipped with 66 acres of developed recreation areas. The

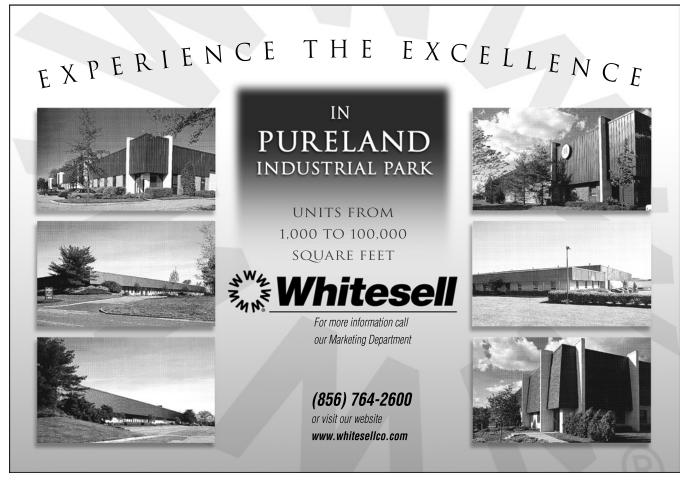
county also owns and operates Pitman Golf Course, a hometown classic with a new clubhouse restaurant, Bogey's Club and Cafe.

Also new to the county is Miracle Field, opened in 2008. This special field provides the opportunity for children with mental and/or physical challenges to play baseball. The 14,900-square-foot facility in Deptford is used year-round, such as to accommodate Adaptive Physical Education, therapy and recreation for Bankbridge Elementary School. The field is open to the community when it is not in use and can host

Miracle Field

Special Olympics events.

Residents can pay tribute to fallen members of the U.S. military through its Wall of Heroes, dedicated on Veterans Day 2010 inside the newly constructed expansion of the Gloucester County Justice Complex in Woodbury. The first 100 5-by-8-inch portraits of county residents who were killed or missing in action were unveiled that day, with more of the translucent artist renderings to be added in the future.



Gloucester County is committed to honoring and caring for its servicemen and women, and in 2009 expanded its veterans' clinic for the third time. The building in Sewell now houses a full-time office for the Gloucester

County VA Health Clinic and also the Gloucester County Office

of Veterans Affairs. The expansion included a complete renovation to add exam rooms, rehabilitation services and more.



Another service to the community is the Gloucester County Library **System**, serving more than 84,000 residents in 14 of Gloucester County's municipalities through six branches and one independent association library.

Gloucester County Departments

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Elk Township - 4,216 www.elktownship.com

Franklin Township - 16,820 www.franklintownship.com

Glassboro Borough - 18,579 www.glassboroonline.com

Greenwich Township - 4,899 www.greenwich-twp.com

Harrison Township - 12,417 www.harrisontwp.us

Logan Township - 6,042 www.logan-twp.org

Mantua Township - 15,217 www.mantuatownship.com

Monroe Township - 36,129 www.monroetownshipnj.org

National Park Borough - 3,036 www.nationalparknj.com

Newfield Borough - 1,553 www.newfieldboro.org

Paulsboro Borough - 6,097 www.paulsboronj.org

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West Deptford Township - 21,677 www.westdeptford.com

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Woodbury City - 10,174 www.woodbury.nj.us

Woodbury Heights Borough - 3,055 www.bwhnj.com

Woolwich Township - 10,200 www.woolwichtwp.org

Gloucester County Health

he infrastructure of the health care industry serving Gloucester County has tripled in just the last several years. Since 2008 alone, at least \$160 million in improvements and new facilities have been completed, reflecting the local industry's commitment to the community and its customers.

Virtua (www.virtua.org), a comprehensive, multi-hospital healthcare system headquartered in Marlton, N.J., offers multiple programs of excellence



Health care options in Gloucester County have been regarded as outstanding for years — and they keep getting better.

in cancer treatment, cardiology, orthopedics, women's health, pediatrics, surgery, neuroscience and wellness.

A nonprofit organization, Virtua has a staff of 8,400 clinical and administrative personnel, and approximately 1,800 physicians serve as medical staff members.

In 2010, Virtua officially opened its Health and Wellness Center in Washington Township. The 256,000-squarefoot, \$31-million facility is centered on a one-stop concept for wellness, diagnosis, care and treatment.

The Health and Wellness Center offers a fitness center with the latest exercise equipment, a 25-meter indoor lap pool, a cushioned jogging track, and group exercise and spinning studios. The facility also has a spa, café and child care services.

In addition, the center includes physician offices, an Immediate Care Center, a surgery center and maternalfetal medicine, which offers the services of world-class maternal-fetal medicine specialists to care for women with high-risk pregnancies. Also offered are physical and occupational therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, medical and radiation oncology, radiology, and women's breast imaging services such as mammography and ultrasounds.





Kennedy Health System (www. kennedyhealth.org) is an integrated healthcare delivery system providing a full continuum of services through its three acute-care hospitals and its outpatient and wellness programs. Kennedy serves residents of Gloucester, Camden and Burlington counties.

Kennedy University Hospital-Washington Township, a 235-bed facility, offers acute-care inpatient services; an emergency room with 24-hour pediatric coverage and a Ronald McDonald Family Room; a 40-bed Progressive Care Unit; a maternity center; a 39-bed post-surgical care unit and 10-bed intensive-care unit: a 10-bed Ronald McDonald House pediatric unit; a maternal-fetal medicine unit; a community perinatal center for Gloucester County's first and only Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; a state-of-the-art surgical suite with a surgical robot and nine spacious operating rooms; in- and outpatient medical imaging; and full-service laboratory testing.

Kennedy Health System is affiliated with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, providing the largest non-public physician training program in the state of New Jersey.





South Jersey Healthcare
(www.sjhealthcare.net) is a
charitable nonprofit health care
organization which consists of two
hospitals and several health centers
serving Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland and Atlantic counties.

The SJH Regional Medical Center is a 262-bed, state-of-the art hospital opened in neighboring Cumberland County in 2004. The 441,000-square-foot facility, built on 62.5 acres and staffed with more than 500 physicians and other health-care providers, is an integrated medical campus featuring a four-story inpatient medical center, a two-story diagnostic and treatment center, and adjacent ambulatory care, cancer and medical infusion centers.

South Jersey Healthcare is also opening a new center in Gloucester County, SJH Tomlin Station Park. Located at Route 322 and Tomlin Station Road in Mullica Hill, the facility will be home to primary care physicians from Physicians of Southern New Jersey and orthopedic specialists from the SJH medical staff. Services will also include a walk-in Urgent Care Center, SJH RehabCare and an imaging center.

Gloucester County residents are also served by SJH Elmer Hospital in nearby Salem County.

Underwood-Memorial Hospital (www.umhospital.org) is a 305-bed, acute-care, nonprofit hospital serving Gloucester County and parts of Salem and Camden counties. With 1,800 full-and part-time employees and a medical staff of almost 400, Underwood

provides a comprehensive array of diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitative services in a community hospital setting.

In 2009, Underwood-Memorial Hospital completed a \$62-million, multi-year project that includes a new emergency department, a medical office building, a parking garage, an expanded Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation suite, and other enhancements.

Underwood's five Family Health Centers in Mullica Hill, Glassboro, Paulsboro and Woolwich offer professional staff, including board-certified family medicine physicians. Underwood's Women's Health Center in Mullica Hill offers high-quality breast imaging and utilizes state-of-the-art digital technology, ultrasonography and osteoporosis screening in a comfortable, quiet and private setting.

In 2010, Underwood-Memorial Hospital was designated as the Best Hospital in South Jersey by the Courier-Post's Reader's Choice program.

Penn Medicine at Woodbury Heights (www.pennmedicine.org/woodbury-heights/) is a 37,500-square-foot outpatient medical building at 1006 Mantua Pike, in Woodbury Heights, NJ. Penn Medicine at Woodbury Heights houses primary care and specialty care physicians, on-site laboratory services, and physical therapy.

Gloucester County Lifestyles

Dotted with woods and waterways, abundant with farmland and steeped in the nation's history, it is only natural that Gloucester County offers excellent parks, a rich heritage and leisure at its best.

Gloucester County Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for

the organization and development of the recreational environment in the county. These duties include overseeing several exceptional park venues.

Greenwich Lake Park, for instance, offers a variety of aquatic-related activities. A popular fishing spot for years, the 40-acre Greenwich Lake is stocked with trout several times a season by the New Jersey

Division of Fish & Wildlife and is open April through Novem-

ber. Surrounded by wetlands that host a wide variety of plant and animal life, the lake is also a great place to boat during the summer. Other amenities at Greenwich Lake Park include picnic tables, grills and conversation areas.

At more than 1,000 acres, Scotland Run Park is the largest of Gloucester County's park system and an important part of the county's commitment to eco-tourism. Scotland Run has a playground and picnic areas, walking trails and an environmental nature center. Wilson Lake offers passive recreation opportunities like boating, fishing and

observing waterfowl and fauna.

Also under the auspices of the county's Parks and Recreation Department is the James G. Atkinson Memorial Park in Hurffville.

The family-oriented park has 66 acres



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of recreation area including lighted soccer/softball fields, lighted tennis and basketball courts, and an exercise trail for walking, jogging and bicycling. Visitors can meditate, relax and enjoy Millennium Plaza, which features a walking path, benches and sundials representing the past and present. The park hosts a free concert series on Sundays during the summer.

Red Bank Battlefield Park,

located along the banks of the mighty Delaware River, is a great example of Gloucester's historic past and wideopen recreational spaces. The park offers playgrounds, picnic pavilions, tree-lined walkways and piers, all with a panoramic view of the river.

Located in Red Bank Battlefield Park is the James and Ann Whitall House. Built in 1748, the house is an example of 18th-century Georgian architecture and was the Whitall homestead for 114 years. The house was the center of the 400-acre Red Bank Plantation and was used as a hospital after the Battle of Red

Bank. Today, it is open for tours from April to October and is the site of many annual special events.

The remains of

Fort Mercer, the

site of a successful Revolutionary War battle, are located in the northern section of the park.

The Delaware River Equestrian, Agriculture and Marine Park – better known as DREAM Park - is a premier equestrian facility located along the Delaware River in Logan Township that is owned and operated by the Gloucester County Improvement Authority. This 300-acre park features a temperature-controlled indoor arena with bleacher seating for 600 spectators and a separate area for auctions, exhibits or instructional clinics. The facility has two barns to accommodate 238 horses; five outdoor rings, one of which has state-of-the-art lighting for night events; and designated parking for trailers and RVs. DREAM Park also has 44 resident stables.

Gloucester County is also home to several annual events, including the **East Coast Vulture Festival**. Held in Wenonah each March, the festival is the only event of its kind on the Eastern Seaboard. The festival celebrates turkey and black vultures, about 200 of which make Wenonah their winter home, and serves to educate the public about the creatures. Proceeds are used to support local environmental education.

Appropriately, the New Jersey Peach Festival is held in Gloucester County, the state's largest peach-producing county. The July festival runs concurrent with the Gloucester County 4-H Fair.





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Another annual attraction is the **Woolwich Township Tomato and** Heritage Festival each July, where festival-goers can shop for produce picked fresh that day from local farm fields, sample local wines, listen to music and enjoy hay rides, crafts, games, tomato and salsa contests and more.

On the arts scene, one local attraction is the Broadway Theatre, the only surviving 1920s movie theatre in the greater South Jersey area. The theatre can be found in downtown Pitman, one of several historic downtowns throughout the county, which also include Swedesboro, Mullica Hill, Glassboro and Woodbury, whose main street businesses flaunt colorful and unique facades and include the longest-operating Charlie Brown's Steakhouse.

Since a large part of Gloucester County is farmland, it's only fitting that the agricultural industry is a part of the county's tourism business. Dubbed "agri-tourism," local farms large and small — encourage visitors to stop by, browse, take a tour or pick their own produce.

Duffield's Farm Market, located in Sewell, has been in Gloucester County since 1930. The family-owned farm has morphed from a small grower of fruits and vegetables to a major farm market and storefront. Today, Duffield's Farm raises more than 35 varieties of vegetables and fruits. almost all of which are sold directly through its farm market. That market also includes a large store with an instore bakery and deli as well.

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Creamy Acres is another local farm-turned-tourist destination. What began as a small dairy farm with a herd of 30 cattle has blossomed into a dairy farm with 100 cows and a flower business with more than 20 greenhouses that serve both retail and wholesale customers. Additionally, Creamy Acres is now an entertainment spot, with haunted houses, wagon rides and corn mazes in the fall and "Fun on the Farm" in the spring, which includes farm activities and tours for the entire family.

Amish markets are another draw in Gloucester County. At the Amish Market at Mullica Hill and at Stoltzfus Amish Farm Market and Village Shoppes in Monroe Township, shoppers will find fresh produce, cheeses, meats, baked goods, candy and sandwiches, and genuine Amish furniture, crafts, soaps and more. Produce from Amish farms is also available at roadside stands or right on the Amish homesteads.

Gloucester County is also famous for another particular type of produce — grapes. New Jersey is the fifth-largest producer of grapes in the country, and Gloucester County is home to several award-winning wineries, including Heritage Vineyards of Mullica Hill, Coda Rossa of Franklinville and Cedarvale Vineyard of Logan Township, among others.

Gloucester County is a popular destination for history buffs, thanks to the county's heritage. Gloucester has played a significant role in this



country's history, dating back to the Revolutionary War.

To help residents and visitors learn more about local history, a downloadable podcast audio tour dubbed "A Revolutionary Idea" has been created by Gloucester County and the South Jersey Tourism Corp. The series of five full-length podcasts tells the stories of historic county sites and can be combined to create a complete audio driving tour. Each narrative — available at www.revolutionaryideatour. com — is about seven minutes long and entertains listeners with engaging sound effects and fun audio transitions.

One of the myriad historical attractions in the county is the **Lighthouse at Tinicum** in Paulsboro, the remaining rear range light of what was once a trio. Blinking above the Delaware River,

the range light was built in 1880 and is a rare example of a skeletal light-house. Its tower height is 86 feet and it is still an important aid to navigation on the Delaware.

Other sites of historical importance include the C.A. Nothnagle Log Cabin in Greenwich Township, built around 1638 and regarded as the oldest standing log cabin in North America and possibly the oldest standing wooden structure in the Western Hemisphere; Trinity Episcopal "Old Swedes" Church in Swedesboro, built in 1784; the James G. Atkinson Old Stone House Village in Washington Township, a collection of five 18th- and 19th-century buildings, four of which were moved to the site in 1988; and Hollybush mansion, built in 1849 on the grounds of what would become Rowan University and which hosted a Cold War summit between U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson and Soviet Union Premier Alexei Kosygin.

Gloucester County also pays tribute to its history with a number of museums. For instance, visitors can trace the history of glass at the **Heritage Glass Museum** in Glassboro, where fine examples of historic bottles, glass and related items are on display. Also in Glassboro is the **South Jersey Museum of American History**, featuring colonial exhibits, political memorabilia, and artifacts such as antique farm tools.



The Hunter-Lawrence-Jessup House Museum, operated by the Gloucester County Historical Society and located in Woodbury, houses old documents, period artifacts and examples of furniture of historical significance.



Of course Gloucester County has many additional sites and attractions no matter what your interests or tastes for adventure crave. Details on many of these attractions can be found on the county's website at:

www.gloucestercountynj.gov

Heritage Glass Museum





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looking for city nightlife, concert venues, performing arts, eateries or shopping (with no tax on clothes), Philadelphia has it all. The city has a walkable downtown and offers "experiential tours" for hands-on, behind-the-scenes looks at museums, attractions and events.

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And of course, there is **Independence Hall**, the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the **Liberty Bell**, among other national historical landmarks.

The **Camden Waterfront**, a riverside city with a view of the Philadelphia skyline, offers many family-friendly options, historical attractions, performing arts and more.

Among the sights to see are

Adventure Aquarium, where visitors can reach out and touch stingrays, starfish and other marine life and which has a 550,000-gallon shark exhibit with a walk-through tunnel; the Battleship

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